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SUBJ: TEDDY KOLLEK ON BEGIN; THE FUTURE

1. SUMMARY: MAYOR KOLLEK BELIEVES BEGIN WILL BE  
DIFFICULT ON SMALL ISSUES BECAUSE HE WILL HAVE TO  
YIELD ON LARGE ONES AND THIS COULD HAVE  
ADVERSE EFFECTS ON DELICATE POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS  
EQUILIBIRUM IN JERUSALEM. HE RATES BEGIN HIGHLY  
AS A POLITICIAN AND, ON BALANCE, THINKS DAYAN WILL  
MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION AS FOREIGN MINISTER. AS  
FOR JERUSALEM, KOLLEK THINKS PRESENT STATUS SHOULD  
BE FROZEN UNTIL TIME WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR A UNIFIED  
CITY CAN DISCUSSED CALMLY. END SUMMARY.

2. MAYOR KOLLEK HELD INITIAL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR  
LEWIS AT CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE JUNE 13. IN REPLY  
TO QUESTION, MAYOR SAID HE WAS MORE CONCERNED  
OVER BEGIN'S LIKELY HANDLING OF "MICRO" THAN HE WAS  
OF "MACRO" ISSUES. SINCE BEGIN WOULD HAVE TO  
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YIELD ON LATTER (IMPLICATION WAS WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK),  
HE WOULD TEND TO BE TOUGHER ON THE FORMER. IF  
BEGIN WERE TO UPSET PRESENT DELICATE ARRANGEMENTS  
IN JERUSALEM, FOR EXAMPLE INTERDICTION CONCERNING  
JEWISH PRAYERS ON TEMPLE MOUNT, AND PROHIBITION  
AGAINST JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN MOSLEM QUARTER OF  
THE OLD CITY, SUCH ACTIONS COULD HAVE EXPLOSIVE

REPERCUSSIONS. MAYOR THOUGHT THEY COULD BE AS SERIOUS AS DISTURBANCES WHICH ERUPTED LAST YEAR OVER THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JEWISH PRAYERS AT HEBRON'S TOMB OF THE PATRIARCHS (IBRAHIMI MOSQUE). IN HIS VIEW, THIS WAS MUCH MORE SERIOUS WORRY THAN JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. KOLLEK THINKS BEGIN IS A SKILLFUL POLITICIAN AS WELL AS A "PREACHER." HE BELIEVES DAYAN COULD EXERT A POSITIVE INFLUENCE SINCE HE IS PRAGMATIC AND, UNLIKE MOST POLITICIANS, DOES NOT WOO PUBLIC OPINION. THE ALIGNMENT LOST THE ELECTION, KOLLEK ASSERTED, BASICALLY BECAUSE "THE RABIN GOVERNMENT WAS NO GOVERNMENT.

4. KOLLEK AGREED CORE OF PRESENT PROBLEM WAS DIFFERING US AND ISRAELI PERCEPTIONS OF WILLINGNESS ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES (AND OTHER ARABS) TO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE WITHIN CONTEXT RESOLUTION 242. SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF, KOLLEK SAID HE DOUBTED ARABS WERE PREPARED TO TAKE THIS STEP. WHEN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHAT COULD BE DONE TO OVERCOME MISTRUST, KOLLEK REPLIED (A) ARAB WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY; (B) PUBLIC DECLARATIONS BY ARAB LEADERS WHICH WOULD ALSO BE DISSEMINATED TO THEIR PEOPLE STATING WILLINGNESS ACCEPT ISRAEL.

5. AS FOR EAST JERUSALEMITES, KOLLEK CONFIRMED THEY HAD NO LOVE FOR ISRAELI OCCUPIERS, BUT AT CONFIDENTIAL

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SAME TIME THEY FEARED POSSIBLE ADVENT OF PLO SINCE UNDER LATTER THEY WOULD BE SWEEPED ASIDE. THEREFORE, THIS SEGMENT LOOKED TO HUSSEIN (KOLLEK MAKE IT CLEAR HE WAS NOT COMMENTING ON WEST BANK ATTITUDES). MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRIOR TO RABAT CONFERENCE, ISRAEL FAILED TO SHOW SIGNIFICANT FLEXIBILITY WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE A DEAL WITH HUSSEIN OVER THE WEST BANK A POSSIBILITY.

6. CONCERNING HIS OWN FUTURE, KOLLEK SAID DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR NOT YET FIXED. CHANGE IN ELECTORAL LAW MEANT THAT A POPULAR MAYOR (I.E. HIMSELF) COULD BE RE-ELECTED WHILE CITY COUNCIL COULD BE DOMINATED BY OPPOSITION. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IN JERUSALEM WOULD MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT SINCE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAD MORE POWER VIS-A-VIS THE MAYOR THAN KNESSET HAD IN REGARD TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

7. THE MAYOR SAID HE HAD RECENTLY ASKED KERMIT ROOSEVELT TO SOUND OUT THE SAUDIS, EGYPTIANS AND OTHERS ON THE IDEA THAT JERUSALEM WOULD BE LEFT ASIDE IN OVERALL SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. INTENTION WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO WITH ISRAELI UNDERTAKING OF NO EXPROPRIATIONS AND NO ADDITIONAL JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN CITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ITS STATUS COULD BE DISCUSSED CALMLY. ROOSEVELT TOLD RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON ARAB LEADERS HAD BEEN RECEPTIVE BUT BEGIN'S ELECTORAL VICTORY HAD SUBSEQUENTLY UPSET THEM. NEWLIN

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